

Ambassador Pierce presents his credentials

New U.S. Ambassador to Cape Verde: The new U.S. Ambassador to Cape Verde, Roger D. Pierce, presented his credentials to the President of the Republic of Cape Verde on Tuesday, September 27, 2005 at the Presidential Palace.

On the occasion of the presentation of his letter of credence, Ambassador Pierce recognized the positive and sustained relationship between the two countries drawn together by a shared commitment to democracy and strong historical and family ties. Ambassador Pierce conveyed his mission objectives to further support the consolidation of democracy in Cape Verde and to fortify the bilateral relationship between the two nations in four major areas of cooperation. These areas include the Millennium Challenge Account, Cape Verde's ascension to WTO, the upcoming NATO training in Cape Verde and the on-going services to thousands of American citizens residing in the archipelago.

Mr. Pierce is a career member of the Senior Foreign Service, class of Counselor. Since entering the Foreign Service in 1978, Mr. Pierce has served as consular officer in Mexico and Chile, and as Chief of the Consular Section in Calcutta, India and Istanbul, Turkey. He also served as Principal Officer in Amsterdam and Consul General in Cairo, Egypt. Mr. Pierce is a graduate of the 44th Senior Seminar, the Department of State's highest level of leadership and management training program.

Ambassador Pierce, who was nominated by President Bush and confirmed by the U.S. Senate on June 16, 2005, was sworn in by Secretary of State Condoleezza Rice on August 26, 2005.



Ambassador Roger D. Pierce
and President of the Republic of Cape Verde, Pedro Verona Pires